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EXPEDITED PROCEDURE
GROUP 1713
PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of

Docket No: Q79484

SONE, Takuo, et al.

Appln. No.: 10/759,299

Group Art Unit: 1713

Confirmation No.: 7184

Examiner: Kelechi Chidi Egwin

Filed: January 20, 2004

For: METHOD OF PRODUCING CONJUGATED DIENE POLYMERS

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Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated July 15, 2005, please consider the remarks as submitted herewith on the accompanying pages.

REMARKS

Claims 1-15 and 18-20 are pending in the application.

Claims 1-15 and 18-20 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, first paragraph, as allegedly failing to comply with the written description requirement.

The Examiner asserts that formula (16), as amended, is unsupported by the specification as originally filed and is new matter. In particular, while the Examiner understands that Applicants have redefined "l" (lower case "L") as "b" in formula (16), the Examiner points out